Leading drug companies

688. SHRI K. G. MAHESHWARAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1620 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether Government have studied the profitability and investments made by leading drug companies;

(b) if so, what are the details in respect of six leading companies during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what are the drugs for which production has taken a nosedive and what are the names of drugs for which anticipated shortage is being talked about and what is the import policy in respect to each such drugs;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have started to review the policy without this vital data;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) what are the names of bulk drugs for which production has fallen during the last three years and what is the magnitude for the fall in production of these drugs; and

(g) what is the stage of manufacture of each drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Profit before tax as percentage of Sales Turnover in respect of certain leading companies in the Pharmaceuticals sector to the extent available, has been as under:

(Rs. Lakhs)

Name of Company	Year	Profit before tax	Profit before tax as % of Sales income
1. Sandoz (I) Ltd.	1990 (Jan. to Dec.)	943	4·2
2. Geoffrey Manners & Co.	1989-90	516	5·7
3. Glaxo (I) Limited	1989-90	1522	4·3
4. Hoechst India Ltd.	1989-90	1082	5·2
5. Burroughs Wel-come (I) Limited	1990-91	443	3·8

Details regarding investment will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Some of the drugs whose production in the organised sector has gone down including some drugs where the production has fallen quite low during the last three years, to the extent information is available, are given in the statement (*See* below).

As per newspaper reports and representation of the drugs industry there were apprehensions of shortages of drugs like Anti T.B., Anti-Leprosy, Anti-Epilepsy, some antibiotics, Anti-Typhoid drugs etc.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) and (g) To the extent information is available, the details are given in the statement.

Statement

Sl.No.	Names of the Bulk drugs whose production has gone down by 20% during last three years in the organised Sector.	Stage of production
1	Penicillin	Basic
2	Tetracycline	Basic
3	Erythromycin	Basic/intermediate
4	Doxycycline*	Basic
5	Sulphadimidine*	Basic
6	Sulphaguanidine*	Basic
7	Vitamin E	Basic
8	Folic Acid*	Basic
9	Analgin	Basic
10	Oxyphenbutazone*	Basic
11	Pethidine	Basic
12	Baralgan Ketone	Basic
13	Dexamethasone	Intermediate
14	INH*	Basic
15	Metronidazole	Basic
16	Tinidazole	Basic
17	Chlorpropamide	Basic
18	Hydrochlorothiazide£	Basic
19	Xylocaine	Basic
20	Tetramisole*	Basic
21	Phenobarbitone£	Basic
22	Diazepam	Basic
23	DEC Citrate	Basic
24	Tripple Vaccine	Basic
25	Tetanus Antitoxin	Basic
26	Hydralazine*	Basic
27	Chlorpromazine*	Intermediate

*Production of these drugs have gonne down quite low by more than 50% in the organised sector.